

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In my area, all newspapers are owned by Gannett, and have similar editorial and news policy. We are limited to the information a handful of people decide we should have, and are denied the diversity -- ultimately the knowledge and choice-- needed to preserve our democracy. I am tired of hearing about our freedom as US citizens while our freedoms of thought, information and expression are being siphoned away by people who care only for profit rather than the public good. Your agency has the power-- and the responsibility-- to protect our rights, rather than allow them to be sold to the conglomerates. Please protect us from the Big Brother of monopoly.